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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: KIKUCHI et al

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

Serial No.: 09/921,141

Filed: August 3, 2001

For: Electric Appliance Renting System

Art Unit: 3627

Examiner: L. Jasmin

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 6, 2006

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the office action dated April 7, 2006. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Specification; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.